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About Arlington People

Al Bowen, AHS Class of 1935, is curious if any of his former classmates have a 45th reunion planned. He can be reached at the Angell Memorial Hospital business office.

Kennedy For President campaign volunteers will meet at the Edith Fox Library on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. Arlington Coordinator John F. Doyle says the meeting will be to plan the balance of the primary campaign. All interested Arlingtonians are invited to attend.

Photographer and president of the Arlington Art Association Neil Weterbee will be exhibiting his photography at the Dallin Library through February.

Shelly Levine and Patience Leland have joined the staff at Visiting Nurse and Community Health Inc.

Levine, a registered nurse, has been head nurse for severely retarded adolescents at the Fernald State School in Waltham. She holds a degree from Boston University and is a member of the American Nursing Association.

Leland has joined the physical therapy team at the non-profit agency which provides home health care. For the past four years she has worked with acute care patients at both Mt. Auburn Hospital and the New England Rehabilitation Hospital.

A basic rifle marksmanship course for teenagers will be offered by the Woburn Sportsmen's Association Saturday mornings from 9 to noon beginning Feb. 16. The course will be directed by Bruce Wedlock, certified rifle instructor.

For youths from 12 to 18-years, the course will cover safe use of firearms, the basics of marksmanship and target shooting. Those interested are asked to register in advance by calling Wedlock at 253-1531 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The Campion Club is sponsoring a Music Festival Dance Feb. 17 at the Elks Hall in Watertown from 8 to 12 a.m. Proceeds will go towards the Jesuit Foreign Missions. Committee members working on the event are Corinne Walsh, 224 Renfrew st., Roz Hanlon, 23 Colonial dr., and Fred Lawton of 26 Jason st.

Alynn A. Brewster has been named electronic data processing services officer of the operations division of BayBank Harvard Trust. She joined the bank in 1973, since then holding several positions.

After attending Taconic High School in Pittsfield, she attended Tufts University and now is studying for her B.S. in business administration at Northeastern University.

New England Rehabilitation Hospital recently gave a five-year employment certificate to Elaine Capobianco.

Aloyd Hurley has been promoted to district manager for Marshalls Inc., a 69-store retail chain with headquarters in Woburn. Hurley, who has been with Marshalls for 10 years, was manager of the Bedford store. He will oversee operations for four stores.

Michael M. McGoldrick of 253 Pheasant ave. has been named manager of market development for Boston Gas Products Inc., a subsidiary of Eastern Gas and Fuel Associates. Since 1966 McGoldrick had been manager of residential sales. He joined Boston Gas in 1951 as an engineering trainee.

McGoldrick graduated from Arlington High School in 1943. He has a bachelor's degree from Boston College and a master's from Northeastern. He is a member of the American Gas and New England Gas Assns. and is a past vice president of the Builders Assn. of Greater Boston. He is a registered professional engineer.

James W. Grieb has been appointed vice president in charge of the automated transfer department at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. He had been vice president of the department.

Grieb is a former vice president with New England Merchants Bank National Bank. He is a graduate of the Bentley School of Accounting, the Stonier Graduate School of Banking and the ABA Business and Banking School. He has taught at the Williams College School of Banking and is a member of the Boston Clearing House, Mass. Banking Assn. and Greater Boston Real Estate Board.

Jane Winchell and Phyllis Spence will join three other members of The Musical Arts Society in a 3 p.m. free concert Sunday at the Museum of Our National Heritage, 33 Marrett rd., Lexington. The concert program will feature classical music for voice, flute, harpsichord, cello and violin.

Acrylic, brush and palette-knife paintings by Arlington artist Estelle Black are on display at the Coolidge Bank through February.



Gymnast

AHS girls' gymnastics coach Rich Vartanian is ready to assist Nancy McKenney as she practices a flip. The team of 15 began the season with three losses, but won their fourth meet. (Photo by Cathy Walthers)

Receives Cards

Mrs. Perkins Becomes 103

President Jimmy Carter sent a birthday card this year to Katherine Perkins who lives in Arlington. It was sent last week because Kitty, as her friends call her, turned 103 years old.

"I am pleased to send you my congratulations as you celebrate your 103rd birthday," the President's card read. "I hope that the year ahead will be especially happy."

Kitty liked getting a card from the President, just as she enjoyed getting cards from former President Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford, Sen. Edward Kennedy and former Gov. Michael Dukakis when she turned 100.

It was 1877 when she was born. Ulysses S. Grant finished his last year as President that year. The western part of the United States stretched wide with plains, cattlemen, and Indians.

Kitty, who lives at the Park Avenue Nursing Home, has outlived all known relatives and all close friends.

"I just went along in an unassuming way," she says explaining why she has lived so long. To our knowledge, she is the oldest person living in Arlington.

She has lost her eyesight, but is alert and grateful for her friends. Many birthday cards and gifts arrived last week, and she celebrated the occasion at two parties. Neither party, however, matched the champagne party given to her when she turned 100.

She wanted it quiet this year one of the nurses said.

Kitty remembers all the aides who have worked in the nursing home since she came in 1976. Before her arrival there, she lived in Winchester eight years and in Arlington for many years with her close friend Theresa Conlon.

She came from a family of 10 children. Her parents, she remembers, resided in Boston before she was born. They were burned out of their home during the great fire of November 1872.

She grew up in Roxbury, and later moved in Cambridge. She finished the eighth grade and started work when she was 17.

Kitty says she went back to school and attended Higgins Business College for a year to learn bookkeeping. In 1920, she went to work as a bookkeeper for R.H. White, and stayed with them for 22 years.

She was married for a short time and had no children.

Happy Birthday to Kitty.



"Kitty" Perkins at 103.

Elderly - Safety Project And Police Station Reuse Linked

Town Meeting members at a special session in May will be presented articles which would authorize construction of a new police station-elderly housing complex at Mystic and Summer streets and commercial redevelopment of the present Central street police station area.

The Planning Department and consultants Perry, Dean, Stahl and Rogers and John G. Parrillo Inc. architect are working on the community safety and redevelopment components of the project. E. Verner Johnson and Associates and the Housing Authority are handling the elderly housing aspect.

The Housing Authority has been granted \$2.56 million by the state for the elderly housing. Authority executive director Joan Gross says she does not expect that the authority will be able to get additional funds despite the delays the bring the project to fruition.

The housing plans have been reduced from 80 units to 69 in a building that is four-five stories high. Plans for the construction will be shown tonight at 7:30 in the Town Hall hearing room at a meeting of the project task force and the authority's citizen's advisory committee.

The authority will shortly send copies of the plans to Town Meeting members asking for their comments and questions and will begin a public relations campaign to gain support for the project.

In conjunction with the elderly building will be constructed a two-story community safety facility which will house the police division, as well as centralized communications, vehicle maintenance, and civil defense for the entire department.

Architects for the two interests have gone through a variety of revisions. Present plans now show the community safety building and its visitor parking along Mystic street; a courtyard on the roof of underground parking for police vehicles; and an L-shaped elderly building and resident parking which will face Summer street and jog towards Mill Brook. This portion near the brook will be four stories high.

A report out last June listed some of the problems with the present police station which is over 50 years old, the site is cramped and does not have sufficient parking, layout is inefficient, safety and occupational safety codes are not met, detention facilities are outmoded, the

building is not energy efficient, and there is poor security control.

As planning has progressed for the new construction town officials have become convinced that the most important part of the project would be the freeing up of the present station which could be put on the tax rolls as an income-producing property for the town.

One advantage of relocating at Mystic and Summer street is that a majority of the property which must be taken there is not tax producing now, according to Planning and Community Development director Alan McClennen. He says the project can't be justified if there is not a net increase in tax revenues.

Right now McClennen's department and the Redevelopment Board are getting ready for Town Meeting. Last year board chairman Joseph Tullimieri told Town Meeting members that the department would study the economics of the police station and the board would come to Town Meeting with a variety of alternatives.

McClennen says this review includes consideration of such things as parking, use of the so-called Kent Block opposite Town Hall on Mass. avenue, use of the Post Office site, the relationship of these properties to the houses on Central street and to the drive-in bank branch and the Town Hall.

The Special Town Meeting in May will address these issues in as many as 15 warrant articles. If they are all passed, McClennen says final design, which would take six months, could start in June and construction of the new buildings could begin next spring. Construction would take 18 months.

The Town Meeting will be asked to appropriate a bond issue for the community safety building construction; to acquire the three properties now owned by Texaco, Arlington Center Garage and Service, and the Catholic Archdiocese at Mystic and Summer streets.

A land swap with the Conservation Commission will have to be approved. If the town decides to declare the present police station surplus effective in September, 1982, an article transferring the site to the Redevelopment Board when it becomes vacant would have to be passed.

Other articles would relate to the town's urban renewal plan for which the town received a quarter of a million dollar grant for the Arlington Center area between Pleasant and Mystic and

Mill streets. The plan would have to be amended so that the town could sell the station for private reuse, says McClennen.

Another article would empower the Redevelopment Board to acquire the Kent Block which was recently sold to Cameras Inc. Rush-Kent Insurance has moved to Court street. A bond issue would be needed to do this.

Based on indications from postal authorities over the past six years that they would like to relocate the vehicles and distribution part of the post office to another site, the town's consultants are also looking at the post office site. The present parking there could accommodate 28-30 cars, says McClennen. If it were to move, the post office would still keep an Arlington Center retail office.

McClennen says his department is analyzing all of these options for the Redevelopment Board. Parrillo has been hired federal funds specifically to study the reuse of the police station.

Several options are being developed for this area.

They include everything from tearing down the police station and Kent Block and replacing them with a new building, to rehabilitating them as they are, to combining the two buildings, or fixing up the police station and taking down the Kent Block.

McClennen says there are problems with the police station now facing Central street and being recessed from Mass. avenue and obscured by a store on one corner and a drive-in bank branch.

In order to get visibility for the building if it were developed commercially it may need a new front constructed on what now is the Mass. avenue side, or the building might need to be extended out to the avenue.

The only uses which have been considered for the police station to date are retail and office use. McClennen says that heavy retail use would create a parking demand that would be hard to meet.

One thing that will come out of the planning department study is an analysis of parking supply and demand in the area.

The critical point in this whole plan is the tax yield, according to McClennen. He feels the joint housing-community safety project will be a success if it provides a significant tax yield for the town.

The Mini Bonds Sell Out Fast

The town's sale of \$345,000 in \$500 denomination bonds went over so well last week that Town Treasurer John Bilafer says he'd like to offer bonds again.

The mini bonds which were offered to residents' with a \$10,000 limit, were part of the \$16 million high school renovation bond issue.

The bonds went on sale at 8:30 a.m. last Thursday, with a waiting line at the Treasurer's office. The last bond was sold at 2:30.

The bonds were bought by 87 separate investors whom Bilafer characterizes by saying, "Most of them were public-spirited people who saw this as a tax advantage who also wanted to invest in the town."

Forty-four persons bought fewer than five bonds. The maximum allowed was purchased by 15 people. While no one bought 16, 17, 18 or 19 bonds, there were four people who bought between 11 and 15.

"There was a market for the small investor," says Bilafer. He found people enthused about being able to buy the bonds and to participate in the town.

The bond purchasers will be reminded by mail of the Feb. 15 pick-up date and will be given instructions about how to handle the coupons and collect their earnings.



Donation

Town Manager Donald Marquis makes his contribution to the Doherty Rebuilding Fund to Ray Ouellette, left, a member of the fundraising committee. William Doherty, whose home was burned, has worked in Ouellette's DPW for 30 years.

New State Law

Oral Prayer Starts Off Low Key

The controversial state law permitting oral prayer in public schools has caused nary a ripple in Arlington, with educators taking a "low-key" approach, and students, at the law's onset Tuesday, not offering prayers.

Supt. of Schools William T. Gibbs told The Advocate he had distributed copies of the law and its interpretation by state Department of Education counsel, but an informal poll of four principals Tuesday morning revealed that no students at Brackett School, the high school or two junior highs led classes in prayer.

The law requires teachers at the start of each day to ask if any student wants to volunteer to lead the class in prayer. Students who object may leave the room if a prayer is to be made.

Signed by Governor King last November, the law has rekindled debate between its opponents, who see it as an unconstitutional merger of church and state, and proponents, who feel that learning about God should be as much a part of public education as physics, math

and writing.

Gibbs and asst. supt. for secondary schools William Birmingham said in separate interviews that Arlington would comply with the law, although they felt the courts would eventually reverse it. "We'll do the best we can until we're told by the courts that it's not constitutional," Gibbs said.

Birmingham told The Advocate that the law wouldn't mean a significant change in classroom agendas, because a 60 second meditation period at the start of each day had already been in effect since 1973. The only change is that students may now offer verbal prayer in the classroom, Birmingham said.

High school administrative headmaster Thomas Reis said the law had gone into effect quietly there. "We've been low-keying it," he said, echoing the concerns of several administrators that students released from classes during the prayer period might create supervision problems in corridors.

But Reis added he didn't anticipate

any problems.

Other concerns expressed by principals included a desire to implement the law uniformly in all schools, and the annoyance, in one school, of having to orchestrate the period from individual classrooms instead of over the intercom, in all classes at once, as had been done for the meditation period.

Unlike the law's quiet beginnings in Arlington and the desire by school officials not to have the constitutional confrontation played out here, other communities have begun to fight.

According to the Boston Herald American, the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts has been preparing to challenge the statute, and in Methuen a group of parents has promised a class action suit to test the law's constitutionality.

The Herald reported that Newton's school committee had urged administrators to delay implementing the law until its constitutionality was tested. Holyoke and Springfield school officials plan to do the same, the Herald said.

Community Calendar

Feb. 8

"The Prince and The Pauper" movie, Fox Library, 2:30, 7:30.
Covenant Players theater group at Park Avenue Congregational Church, 7:15.

Feb. 13

Retired Men's Club, Fidelity House, 9 a.m. coffee, 10 a.m. speaker.

Feb. 14

Arlington Art Assn., Fox Library, 7:30.
Parents Advisory Committee, Central School, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 9

Bloodmobile, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 9-1.
Valentine making, Robbins Junior Library, grades K-6, 10:30.

Feb. 12

Valentine Party, Fox-y Folks Group, Fox Library, 1 p.m.

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To Seek Approval

Symmes, Choate Okay Consolidation

Choate Hospital in Woburn and Symmes Hospital in Arlington have announced their intent to develop a plan for consolidation that can be brought before the corporations of the respective hospitals for their approval.

The entire Board of Trustees at Choate Hospital and the Executive and Long-Range Planning Committees of the Symmes board voted last week to develop a certificate of need to be submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in May calling for a consolidation of Choate and Symmes and the upgrading of their facilities. A new central hospital is not planned for the near future.

Health Systems, Inc. (HSI), Boston-based hospital consulting firm, has been retained to help prepare the certificate of need, which will ultimately be presented to the Massachusetts Public Health Council for approval. Two-thirds vote of the respective hospital corporations is required for submission to the state. The votes are scheduled for mid-April, according to a Symmes press release.

The certificate of need application will finalize details on such matters as program planning, physical upgrading, financing, and corporate organization. Those plans will be part of the presentation to the corporations prior to their votes.

The concept of consolidation and the development of a "health delivery system" have the support of the

Department of Public Health; the Health Planning Council of Greater Boston, as the designated health systems agency; Blue Cross; and the Rate Setting Commission.

If approved, the consolidated facilities of Choate and Symmes will include the two hospitals as well as the Regional Health Center in Wilmington, a new subsidiary ambulatory care center of Choate Hospital. The consolidated system will serve approximately 300,000 persons in the primary service areas of Arlington, Lexington, Winchester, Woburn, Burlington, Billerica, Reading, North Reading, Wilmington, Tewksbury and Andover.

The announcement comes one month after Winchester Hospital dropped out of negotiations with Choate and Symmes that would have resulted in merger of the three. Instead, Winchester plans to submit its own certificate of need for a major renovation and upgrading.

According to a Symmes spokesman the Choate-Symmes plan is essentially the same as the three-hospital proposal, also recommended by HSI. Relying on the hospital as the institutional center of the health care delivery system, it recognizes that although hospitals have done an outstanding job in providing treatment services for the sick, if the goal of the system is to be health improvement, those same hospitals must become a major force in health promotion and disease prevention in

order to maintain their central position.

Under the Choate-Symmes proposal, commitment is made for a broad range of health services to the communities. Ambulatory and outpatient care services will be expanded, as will services to the elderly. Cooperation and closer ties with other human services agencies and facilities are also called for to promote health maintenance and continuity of care.

Hospital professionals call this the "systems approach" to health planning and delivery, and point to the Wilmington facility as a good example. The center provides and coordinates a broad range of health services in a community setting, using the hospital as back-up. These include social service, health education, mental health, nutrition and occupational health as well as more traditional elements such as 24-hour walk-in care, X-ray, laboratory, physical therapy, and primary and specialty physician care.

Choate Hospital president Paul L. Downey feels that consolidation of Choate and Symmes is a valid undertaking. "Consolidation of the two

allows us to address the problems of the 1980's in systems terms," he said. "We can focus on health care rather than just hospital care."

Downey points out that the consolidation plan is responsive to federal guidelines mandating more cost-effective ambulatory care and innovative programs for the elderly.

Symmes' administrator, G. Roger Martin, agrees. "The concept we are talking about can provide great returns to the community in terms of new programs of care, health promotion and enhancement of the quality of life."

According to Martin, consolidation gives the hospitals "the opportunity and the responsibility to address fundamental issues regarding the needs of our service areas. As a health system, we will have the strength and the resources to take actions which will be responsible to those needs."

"Individual hospitals can face up only to those aspects that affect their neigh-

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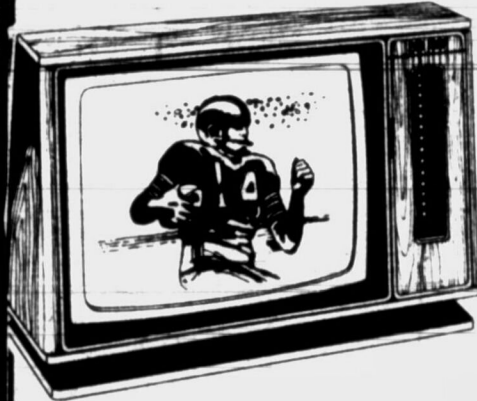
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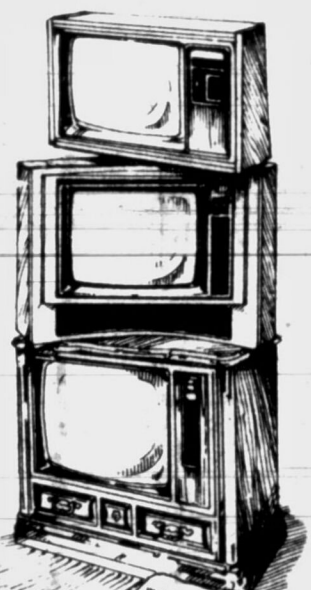


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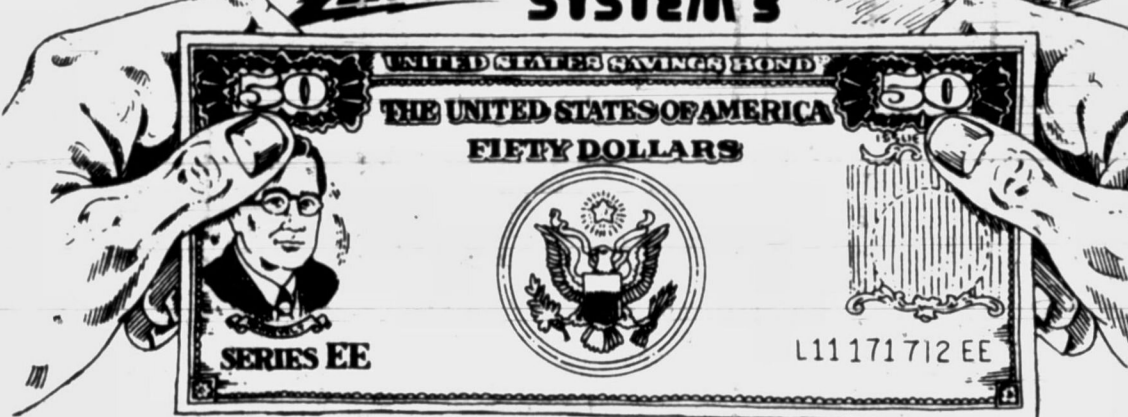
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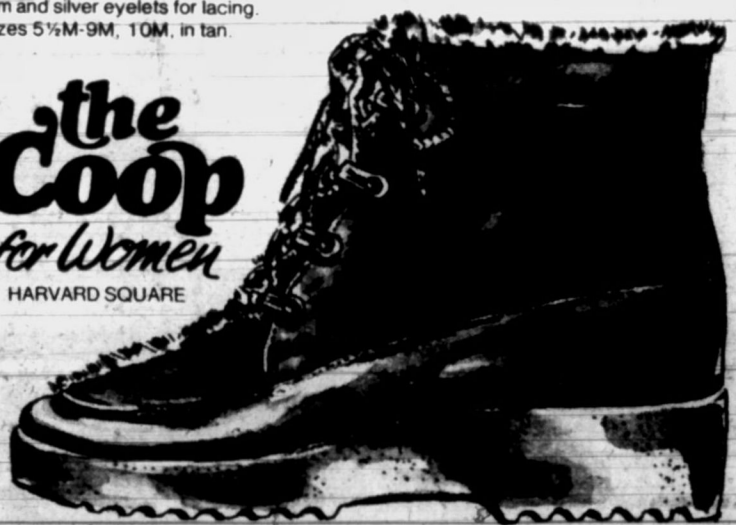
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borhood and primary care area. As a regional entity, the system will have an opportunity to evaluate regional needs, to work to meet these needs, and to do it more effectively."

The medical staffs of both hospitals also strongly support a consolidation of Choate and Symmes. Their support does not appear to be based upon a consensus that such a plan is merely another alternative, but rather emanates from their belief that the concept is appropriate, feasible and will be successful.

Merger discussions date back to 1976 when it was discovered that Choate, Symmes and Winchester Hospitals, whose facilities were built at about the same time and which serve essentially the same area, were preparing to seek state approval to make renovations.

The three hired HSI and together they examined all aspects of consolidation as a means of maximizing the delivery of health care to the communities served. Their findings led to HSI's recommendation of a corporate merger, with upgrading of each facility and the development of the systems approach to health care delivery and planning.

Two alternatives which were rejected were merger into a single new facility and maintaining the status quo. Although an option was obtained to purchase a portion of the Winning Farm land at the borders of Woburn, Lexington and Winchester for location of a new hospital, its construction, estimated at \$70 million, was rejected as being financially unfeasible. The second alternative, it was determined, would not meet the challenges of the future.

Regional Approach

Metro Health Council Hears Hospital Plans

An update on the plans of Symmes and Choate Hospitals to proceed with consolidation plans was given at the recent meeting of the Northwest Metro Health Council of the Health Planning Council for Greater Boston Inc.

Winchester Hospital has dropped out of the discussions and told the council that it will proceed alone with plans to upgrade its facility. Symmes and Choate, which is located in Woburn, are expected to file plans for updating in May.

Under the regional systems approach which is in effect, the health council's staff will help the hospitals in a technical way as the certificates of need are prepared for filing.

After a certificate is filed, the council staff prepares a summary of the application for the Acute Care Multi-Metro Committee. The applicant is interviewed, the application analyzed, and state and federal criteria are applied to the application.

The next step is council staff recommendation to the committee on acceptance or rejection of the certificate application. Then it goes to a project review committee and to the Health Planning Council and finally to the statewide Public Health Council which must approve all applications for hospital expansion and renovation. The process should be completed in eight months.

At the recent Northwest meeting

Greater Boston Health Council executive director Joanne Bluestone reviewed the chronology which led to Winchester's taking no action on a recommendation that the three hospitals consolidate and upgrade their individual facilities.

That was last August. In November Winchester raised the issues of pediatric bed distribution, physician representation on the board, the future of Choate's Wilmington Health Center, and the outlook for five to 10 years from now.

Last month Winchester withdrew from the merger talks. Understanding that the hospital would proceed alone and file for plans for renovation, Mrs. Bluestone said the two certificates of need would be looked at together. She called this health area over-bedded. The three hospitals are older physical plants and pediatrics, with 24 percent occupancy at the three hospitals, is an issue.

She termed an "imponderable" the impact which the Lahey Clinic being built in Burlington would have on area hospitals.

A rational health delivery service and cost containment are major goals of the health council, she said. However, Symmes administrator Roger Martin said it was not expected that a merger would save money. He said that Symmes and Choate felt they had a unique opportunity to address issues in this area through the development of a systems

approach together. He said the hospitals and Winchester had a philosophic difference in terms of where they thought they were going in 10 to 20 years.

Martin said there were needs in the area, hospice and congregate housing among others, which Symmes and Choate thought they could address more effectively, with greater strength and in a quicker fashion by working together.

Choate administrator Paul Downey told the council that consultants had told the hospitals that a new building was not affordable and would not accomplish much from the systems approach which will provide services in an innovative way.

The Choate-Symmes effort has a common sense of commitment and compatibility and a willingness to look down the road, Downey said. Trying to do these things separately is hard because all try to protect their turf. Together the hospitals can do planning that makes sense, he said.

The administrators were asked to review the improvements which they would probably be seeking. Martin said that Symmes' work, once estimated to cost \$10 million, would be primarily upgrading of the existing plant which includes a 1912 wooden building.

He said it was a matter of time before the decision would have to be made to replace the building which houses 24 medical-surgical beds which have 95-96 percent occupancy and should be replaced. Half of the unit's patients are over age 65.

Martin said the hospital would like to get into areas of primary care, long-term care, congregate housing, and areas which it feels are underserved.

The improvements at Winchester would be in intensive care, operating rooms, emergency room and parking, estimated to cost \$14 million. Choate

needs expansion in the X-ray, dietary and laboratory departments estimated to cost \$5 million.

Martin affirmed the Symmes determination to do something, after talking for 10 years about renovation. He said the hospital would not deviate from its schedule.

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OTTOSON JUNIOR HIGH students learn about the effects of tobacco. After the students underwent a rigorous test on smoking's effects, Dave Ales of the Middlesex County Lung Association used a plastic model to show the effects more vividly. Ales, who's a former Arlington resident, and his assistants have traveled to several Arlington schools spreading the word about smoking.

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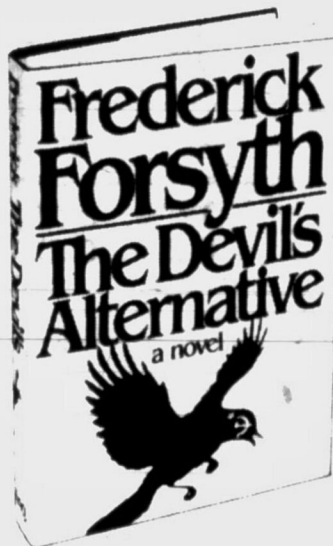
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Comment

A Page of Personal Opinion for Public Reflection

The Arlington Advocate, Thursday, February 7, 1980

Collins' Corner by Leonard Collins



A few weeks ago we arrived at the end of the football season. One guesses many ladies of the culinary department in the homes will be happy to have back the Sunday afternoon experts, the armchair quarterbacks and coaches who sit and analyze the strategy those performing on the gridiron.

So on Monday morning at the office, or around the water cooler the football "undertakers" are putting someone away. And the thought occurs to a guy what would happen if they really saw something on TV that was all wrong, and they, sitting at home, were helpless to do anything about that situation.

Well, just go back a few years to 1950 way up in Hanover, N.H., the home of Dartmouth College, and it is the big game with Cornell. Just to stimulate a bit of interest, let's take the case of the "fifth down", and that really happened.

It is very late in the 4th quarter and Dartmouth is leading by a score of 3 to 0. Cornell has the ball on the one yard line 4th down, and throws an incompleated forward pass. The "Indian" students went wild as there were only 6 seconds to play, and with Dartmouth having the pigskin one play and all Hanover would be in a state of great joy.

But, hold everything. Mr. Fiesell, the referee, and one of the best in the country, said it was only the 3rd down and the boys from Cornell had one more chance. So on the next play they scored, kicked the point after, and beat the boys from Hanover by a score of 7 to 3.

Now just for a minute imagine that happening on today's TV, with say millions of fans watching. Can you imagine the uproar all over the homes of the peaceful watchers. Phones would be jammed with callers, ulcers would start kicking up, and frantic housewives would be all upset trying to serve a late lunch.

Well, the game was not on TV, but the movies were taken and two days later Friesell admitted his mistake and Cornell declined the victory and so the Indians from up in Hanover were declared the victors by a score of 3 to 0. Pro football today never would do such an act, and one can just imagine the situation after all bets were collected, and then two days later find the winners were now the losers. It seems that after the game the Dartmouth students marched all over the campus with signs reading "No Fifth Down", and others stating that Dartmouth had won 3 to 0.

The following Saturday Mr. Friesell was the referee at the Harvard-Yale game in the stadium and the captain of the Harvard team was Joe Gandella from Arlington. After the coin was tossed with Joe calling, Friesell gave the silver dollar to him. Joe placed it in his pants, but lost it during the game. However, Mr. Friesell found it and returned it to the captain.

Bill Bingham, director of sports at Harvard, must have been horrified to see his football captain taking a "buck" in the Harvard Stadium before 50,000 spectators. But knowing Joe it's a safe bet he never received another buck during his four years at Harvard. Joe later became a doctor, and for years has been connected with the Mass. General Hospital in Boston. It might be remembered that Harvard beat Yale that day 28 to 0 and the "Doctor" scored two touchdowns with the help of Endicott Peabody who at one time coached the Arlington freshman football team and lived on Pleasant street. Mr. Friesell gave up college officiating that year and entered the professional ranks, and in the first game broke his leg and thus ended a rather unusual occupation on Saturday afternoon.

Ask The Ombudsman

Q. Can something be done to improve the traffic flow at the Broadway Plaza parking area? It's almost impossible to make a left turn on Mass. Ave. from the area.

A. The Broadway Plaza area is one of the places in Town where a definite traffic problem exists. Sasaki Associates, a firm of landscape and traffic engineers, have studied that area along with several others in Arlington and are trying to find ways to improve the traffic flow. Sasaki and the Redevelopment Board will file an application for an Urban Systems grant to pay for changes that will improve vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

It is worth pointing out in the meantime that two-way traffic is permitted in the Broadway Plaza parking area. It is perfectly legal to go from the parking area directly to Broadway. If you are parked at Broadway Plaza and want to go east on Mass. Ave., going down Broadway and turning right on Palmer St. might be easier than turning onto Mass. Ave. from the parking area.

Q. We're having overnight guests and have no room for their car in the driveway. What can we do to prevent them from receiving a ticket?

A. If you call the police the evening that your friends are staying over and explain the situation to them, they will not ticket your guests' car.

Man About Town

The long-awaited signing of the lease with the town and a restaurant developer for the power station on Water street has not happened yet. This week's signing was put off one week because lawyers had not settled on the language. The Selectmen have said that next week is it — either the lease gets signed or the town moves on to another developer.

Following up on last week's suggestion by Town Treasurer John Bilafer that the town take the cable TV license itself (see last week's news story), the Selectmen have asked Town Counsel John Maher to study the legal ramifications. The board wants to know what would happen if the town turned down the present six applicants in order to do a feasibility study of town ownership of the license. Our sister paper, The Winchester Star, last week reported on Selectman Wade Welch's suggestion that the town buy stock in the cable TV company which is licensed there. The head of Winchester's cable advisory committee does not think the town should get involved in that kind of investment, and Sen. Sam Rotondi, who filed a bill allowing this as a courtesy to Welch, says he has reservations about a municipality running a business.

We remind residents interested in the last copies of the 1977 Arlington town history which was published for the Bicentennial that the last copies are on sale at The Advocate office.

As a follow up to last week's letter about the parking on Park avenue, Building Inspector Bill Libby says that zoning does not apply to properties owned by religious organizations, in this case a house. However, state building codes restricting assembly do apply and he will be looking into the matter.

A letter writer addresses the issue of "slaughter on Mass. avenue" and suggests that traffic laws be enforced and that Mass. avenue be narrowed to a single lane. The writer notes the difficulty which pedestrians have in crossing the avenue. People concerned with the problem should follow the progress of the Urban Systems study of major Mass. avenue intersections and the intersection at Mystic and Chestnut. The consultant has developed alternatives for each location and is gathering reaction before firming up one plan for each. Median strips are endorsed by some people because they provide a place for pedestrians to wait, as well as narrowing the avenue and indicating to drivers that the area is busy.

Selectmen voted to hire a consulting firm to help review the employee classification changes which will be requested at Town Meeting and to help screen applicants for the new job of personnel director. The first go-round on filling the job did not end with an appointment. It is said that there has been pressure for the appointment to be made politically, but the Town Manager, who is the appointing authority will not cooperate with that kind of scheme.

There is a legal difference between Town Counsel John Maher, whose job it is to interpret law for the town agencies, and James Doyle, chairman of the new Personnel Board. Apparently Doyle feels that the board cannot present its own articles to Town Meeting. He says that the board can only review appeals made by employees who are not satisfied with the director's rulings, and since there is no director there is no job for the board. Maher wrote the law which he says allows the board to come to Town Meeting and to proceed with reclassifications if there is no director. Instead of the Selectmen saying that their Town Counsel is right, and should know what the law says since he wrote it, they have asked him to get together with Doyle and resolve their differences.

The Governor's special advisory task force which has to study the MBTA and make recommendations within 90 days has taken some heat because its first meetings were behind closed doors. Arlington's planning director Alan McClennen is one of its 10 members. There's no question that open meetings are preferable, but we wonder with the MBTA mess how frankly people will be able to speak about problems if they know the Boston papers will be making big headlines of everything. The appointment of citizens to shortterm appointments such as this raises questions about how state laws apply to task force members. Are they considered employees, and thus subject to conflict of interest laws? Could they be sued? These kinds of questions should be answered before other private people are asked to sit on similar task forces.

Arlington residents are invited to ride the free Lexington Mini-Bus system, Lexpress, on Tuesday from 9 to 2. The four buses have eight routes through town, including one to Burlington Mall. Buses leave on the hour and half-hour from Depot Square in the center which can be reached by MBTA bus 529 from the Heights.

Sen. Sam Rotondi has taken action on the matter of public funds being cut for preschools which mainstream special needs children. The issue was raised in the Jan. 24 Advocate in a letter from Richard Barrows, chairman of the Mystic Valley Council for Children. Rotondi has asked Education Commissioner Gregory Anrig to carefully review his decision, and continue to fund the Rogers-Pierce Children's Center on Pleasant street.

The lack of State House roll calls doesn't mean the editor has given up the news service — it means the legislature is still shuffling around paper and bills and getting ready for the year to begin — and it will be a short year since no one stays in session long when there's an election coming up. Town Treasurer John Bilafer has been adding to the workload on the hill, filing a cluster of bills which he feels will help Arlington and other communities. One will extend to other communities the option of recalling and refinancing bonds which are sold at high interest rates. Bilafer is also concerned with collection of motor excise taxes and loopholes which allow drivers to avoid paying taxes, yet continue to drive. Bilafer feels corporations should be penalized for not paying taxes. To avoid people registering cars in a nondriver's name, then not paying taxes, he thinks only licensed drivers should register cars. He says the perfect solution is for the tax to be paid before a car is registered.

Seventeen bills have been filed by Governor King from among 213 recommendations that came from a special management task force. Of particular interest here are a bill to require communities with more than 20,000 residents to employ fulltime personnel directors and improvement of the auto excise tax collection so that a receipt for taxes would be due before registration is completed. King estimates that another \$9 million could be collected from excise taxes.

Bulletin Board

Permanent Town Building Committee, Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m., Central School.

Pupil Personnel Sub-Committee, Feb. 7, 8:30 p.m., Central School.

Assessors, Feb. 11, 7 p.m., Town Hall.
Selectmen, Feb. 11, 7:15 p.m., Town Hall.

Redevelopment Board, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m., Planning Board Room, Town Hall Annex.

School Committee, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m., Central School.

Park and Recreation Commission, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m., Sports Center, 422 Summer street.

Town Meeting Committee to Advise Assessors on Computers and Revaluation in Support of their objectives, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. Hearing Room, Town Hall.

Law Enforcement

TO THE EDITOR:
I read a letter to you about making a law that dogs cannot run in Menotomy Rocks Park with a leash on or without a leash on.

Okay. Now we are going to make a law that all teenagers who hang out at Menotomy Rocks Park have to have a leash on. Of course, I am being sarcastic, but they make more of a mess than dogs do. Broken bottles of beer and bottle caps and deformed cans are all over the place!

So before we make any new laws we should enforce the old one. So how about putting signs up that say "No Alcoholic Beverages In This Area."

A dog lover from Irving st.

M. Ackerman
(aged 9 years)

To The Editor

Letters

Deadline for Letters to the Editor is 4 p.m. Monday. Letters on any subject of interest to Arlington residents by present and former residents are welcome. They should be typed and not exceed 250 words. Letters must be signed with name and address. The name may be withheld if requested.

TV For Town

TO THE EDITOR:
This letter concerns the possibility of the Town of Arlington being issued the cable TV license.

If there were more than one license being issued, then there should be no objection to the town being able to have one. If there were more than one license, then the feasibility study would only have to be concerned with the economics of the town getting a license.

But, there is only one license being issued, so economics should be the last thing on anybody's mind. It all sounds so innocent, and it probably is, and all the townies would love to be in show biz, but where do we draw the line? Don't Russia and the Eastern Bloc nations have enough government controlled media to go around?

If the town wants a license, okay. But issue them to the other companies, and may the best and most efficient win.

I realize it is not feasible to give out six licenses. However, if the town is to be considered as an applicant, then all applicants should put forth their proposals to the people of Arlington and a referendum vote be taken. The town should not be allowed to issue itself a TV license without the approval of its citizens. It would be a gross violation of the freedom of speech, (the press and media).

Nicholas Xenos
82 Kensington park

Pentagon Shadow

TO THE EDITOR:

Once again the maneuvers of the Pentagon to call up the draft from its tomb chill the horizon for our young men and women. From the time they were in kindergarten, the effects of the Vietnam draft shadowed their steps.

Now that the schools and churches barely mention the moral of that blood time, our young adults must look to parents and friends for help in interpreting the sorry spectacle we now see: unthinking super-patriotism bluing the very air; a shaky leader hawking threats of military "games" in one oil region or another in order to distract us from facing a collapsing economy at home.

The old political run for the money to get re-elected by playing the devoted commander-in-chief. Anyone who has studied high school ancient history certainly recognizes that tattered play.

Potential draftees for the next war have a right to demand intelligent guidelines from us. During Vietnam all too many Americans placed uncritical confidence in governmental decisions. The endless graves warn us not to repeat that mockery of parental responsibility.

The Pentagon's last crusade released more violence and hatred than our nation could bear. If we truly cherish our own children and the children next door (the world is truly one large neighborhood), we will stand up with them against the war machine.

We must remember that our young people are the natural energy resource infinitely more precious than all the oil of any country.

Robert J. Flavin

Secret Sessions

TO THE EDITOR:

The Jan. 23 Boston Globe exposed the fact that the MBTA Task Force "is holding its meetings and has elected a chairman behind closed doors, in apparent violation of the state's open meeting law."

Among other charges The Globe stated, "There have been no open sessions of the MBTA group, nor have any reasons been stated publicly for keeping the proceedings behind closed doors," both conditions which are mandated by the open meeting law.

Backroom meetings by "bar-the-doors bureaucrats" are becoming a concern to open-government advocates. This is particularly true in Arlington where autonomous areawide agencies, armed with ample HUD funding and oblivious to local interests, persist in pushing poorly planned projects which penalize our poverty-prone principality.

Perhaps our planning director, who is reported to be a member of that "outlaw" MBTA Task Force, could report why the Globe and us lesser literati are incapable of interpreting the open meeting law?

Harold H. Seward
Ad-hoc Committee for
In-hock Taxpayers

EDITOR'S NOTE: Planning director Alan McClennen, who was asked to join the task force in his capacity as president of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, says he proposed last month that the meetings be in open session.

Last week the members agreed, and starting with the Feb. 12 meeting they will be public. McClennen invites anyone who would like to testify before the task force to contact him for scheduling on the agenda.

Thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

After having my car filled with gas at a local station on Saturday, Jan. 26, I did not realize that the attendant had failed to replace the locking gas cap, which I had unlocked and placed on my rear bumper.

I next stopped at the Stop and Shop market on Mass. ave., and when I returned to my car, some kind person had noticed the gas cap and had placed it on the roof of my car, right over the driver's door where I could not miss it.

I am hoping that person will see this letter and know how much I appreciate his or her thoughtfulness and concern.

Absentee Ballot

TO THE EDITOR:

The League of Women Voters of Arlington wants to remind those who vote by absentee ballot that they may do so in the upcoming March Presidential primary up until noon, March 3.

A registered voter is eligible for an absentee ballot due to absence from town on the day of election (March 4), physical disability or religious beliefs. A voter may apply by mail or in person to the Town Clerk's Office (in Town Hall) and the marked ballot must be received by the Town Clerk by noon, they day before the election.

The marked ballot must be notarized before it will be counted. The League of Women Voters has notaries available as a public service, free of charge, for this and all elections. For notarization, a voter may call Linda Carter (646-2271) or William Maytum (643-9241).

The League wishes to remind all citizens of the importance of each individual's vote. This is your opportunity to participate in government. Please vote!

Sincerely,

Christine Recher, President
Joan Robbio, Voters' Service Chairwoman
League of Women Voters of Arlington

Thoughtless

TO THE EDITOR:

It amazes me that Americans who have the unlimited use of their legs do not seem to enjoy this privilege.

Every single time that I drive to a public place where there is handicapped parking (Star Market, etc.), I observe large amounts of young, middle-aged, non-handicapped people park in these handicapped parking spaces.

What about the handicapped in our society? Does nobody care if they park and go shopping? Do the usurpers of handicapped parking spaces have any idea of what it means to be handicapped?

As a nurse, I have worked with many quadraplegics and paraplegics. If the public only knew what an effort a handicapped person must make to go short distances and get in and out of his car, maybe the people who need them would have handicapped spaces available to them. After all, handicapped people aren't just going to sit in the corner. They can be as independent as you or I.

Many handicapped have been deprived of their special parking spots because of a great many often obese, often lazy citizens who just "don't feel like walking that extra 10 feet," or will only be in the store for a minute." To me this is how the public feels about the handicapped. They are not thought enough of to even be able to use what they are entitled to have.

Enough of this discriminatory attitude. Many places have been made wheelchair accessible (including parking lots and restrooms) for a reason. This reason does not include the lazy non-handicapped citizen who wants to park close to the store.

The latter would do well to start walking and stop eating to lessen the threat of a heart attack.

Let the people who need them park where they are entitled to and s for the people who don't need them, I say "use what you've been fortunate enough to have and start walking."

Suzanne Pike-Seri
Registered nurse

Please Help

TO THE EDITOR:

The Doherty Fund is working and we knew it would.

The Doherty Fund was established with a two-fold purpose in mind. Obviously, the first reason was to restore their home to a family who had suffered a tragedy. But we had to give you something in return, and we did.

We gave you a chance to feel good about yourself and to prove to the world that we "Arlingtonians" are basic people who "reach out" to help a fellow Arlingtonian.

The money is, of course, important, but more important is the fact that 163 families sent money in the first four days. And this week 1y2 more dug down and sent a contribution. Not the big business with a tax write off, but you and me.

There are none of us who hasn't seen a woman stub her toe, fall and rip the knees out of her stockings that we didn't rush to her and help her up. Why? Because we're real people with real feelings, one of which is compassion.

We will hopefully get enough money from Arlington businessmen and donated services to restore the Doherty home. But to insure this, and to help you to smile at yourself in the mirror while you comb your hair, please do us a favor. Send a buck today. Okay?

Frank Bowes

Marriage Law

TO THE EDITOR:

The General Laws relative to the filing of marriage intentions have been changed recently and will become effective Feb. 10.

Both parties must now appear together to file and sign their Notice of Intention of Marriage with the Town Clerk. This requirement also applies to non-residents of the town and those residing out of State. However, the filing can now take place in any city or town of their choice in the Commonwealth. Previously, the filing had to take place in the city or town where each person resided. The three-day waiting period is still in effect.

In the case of persons, one or both of whom are in the armed forces, the notice may be given by either party, provided that one is a resident within the Commonwealth.

For further information, please contact the Town Clerk's Office.

Christine M. Callahan, CMC
Town Clerk

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Letters To The Editor

Another View

TO THE EDITOR:

In the Jan. 31 issue of the Advocate, you wonder why the State of Massachusetts has elected "two turkeys," referring, with your characteristic journalistic elegance, to Senators Tsongas and Kennedy.

Evidently you have forgotten the Gulf of Tonkin resolution that found only two members of the Senate with the intelligence and integrity to vote against it, Senator Morse of Oregon and Senator Gruening of Alaska.

The passing of that resolution cost our country the lives of over 50,000 American men and over 250,000 casualties in wounded and disabled. I would also remind you that Massachusetts was the only state to vote against President Nixon when he ran against Senator McGovern. Being in the minority does not necessarily mean that one is wrong.

There are more than 100 countries that will evidently not boycott the Olympics. These countries are not impressed by the dangers expressed by one who, most anxious to retain the Presidency, is using the altogether too familiar cold war scare tactics to do so.

The people of this state are very fortunate in having two of the finest, most courageous and intelligent senators to represent them, although I wish Senator Kennedy had voted on the resolution.

Shall I descend to your rather infantile method of description, "two turkeys," and describe the 88 senators who voted for the boycott as "chicken-livered?"

Very truly,
Jacob Backal

U.S. Policy

TO THE EDITOR:

Appeasement only results in more appeasement, and the final end is either capitulation or war. The situation in Iran and Afghanistan is primarily the result of a United States policy which has failed to stand up to the adventurism and expansionism of the Soviet Union.

The United States will continue to be treated with derision and contempt in its foreign affairs as long as it fails in having a courageous commitment to protecting its own interests and those of nations truly dedicated to freedom and world peace.

In recent years, the United States, largely because of the State Department, has demonstrated a continuing and ongoing failure to act with courage and resourcefulness in confronting the forces which undermine liberty and freedom. The communist plague is spreading around the world.

The invasion of Afghanistan is only the latest example. The fact that a tin-horn Moslem fanatic has been able to perpetuate his attempted blackmail must be seen as a direct result of the weak-kneed performance which has characterized U.S. dealings with aggressors and tyrannies in recent years.

In this regard, the Republicans for Middlesex County voted to send letters to the press expressing the above point of view, and urging the people in Middlesex County to urge the President of the United States to change the approach of this country to one of strength and determination which will say in no uncertain terms, "We will not be pushed around any more!"

We think the people are sick and tired of a U.S. foreign policy which makes us the laughing stock of the world, a nation whose word and commitment cannot be trusted. The line should have been drawn a long time ago. Resolute words must be followed up with strong action. The time of self delusion and wishful thinking has come to an end.

Bill Barnstead
Chairman
Republicans for Middlesex County

Dogs

TO THE EDITOR:

It is because of my utter disgust that I have finally gotten up enough gumption to protest my anger to the newspaper! My son took our pup out at 6:15 this morning in our yard, as usual, and while attending to this chore in the barest of daylight, stepped into a pile of dog mess that seeped over the edge of his slipper! (I will not be delicate.)

We clean up after our dog, but each day we find more and more evidence of what must be enormous animals using my yard instead of theirs.

That's only the beginning! When walking to work, it is like running an obstacle course trying to dodge the large reminders of the dogs whose owners choose to sleep in the morning instead of taking Rover for his walk on a leash.

There must be an answer — I don't mind carrying a spoon and plastic bag.

Most sincerely,
N. L.
Arlington

P.S. After they are finished, the final blow, they attack the trash cans.

Ladder Truck

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is being written to inform the citizens of Arlington of a potentially dangerous situation in which extensive property damage or even loss of life may occur.

Ladder company 1 which is located at headquarters in the center of town has been out of service for 12 weeks, due to a supposed need for parts. In the meantime the town has been relying on one ladder company and mutual aid from other cities and towns to respond in the case of an emergency.

This situation is all well and good in theory, but in the event the existing ladder company is tied up in East Arlington for instance, and a fire breaks out simultaneously in the heights there is no other ladder company in the town to effect rescue operations.

We have to wait for a ladder company to arrive from Teele Square in Somerville which I think everyone would agree is quite a distance away.

In the case of a fire, minutes and even seconds may mean the difference between life and death. I believe the town is playing Russian roulette with our property and our lives. I for one would like to know why!

A concerned citizen

Sincerely
William J. McPhail

Heart Disease

TO THE EDITOR:

During February the Park Avenue Nursing, Convalescent and Retirement Home, Inc. is sponsoring an all out effort to raise money for the American Heart Association. In recent years enormous strides have been made in the management of heart disease and many patients are now being helped who could not be helped in the past. Also, we have learned a great deal more about prevention of heart disease.

The American Heart Association has contributed enormously in sponsoring research which has helped to achieve these goals. Also, the American Heart Association has been very helpful in encouraging educational programs to enable people to learn how to prevent heart disease.

Therefore, I want to offer my full support and encouragement to Park Avenue Nursing Home and to the many people in Arlington, especially the young people, who are partaking in this fund raising effort.

Sincerely yours,
Robert J. Carey, M.D.

Alcoholism

TO THE EDITOR:

Since Governor King has declared this Alcohol Awareness Month and you have had articles to this effect the Friends Of The Sensorially Deprived, Inc., a wholistic group, would like to share with you and your readers a recent communication from Homeostasis quarterly.

"Alcoholism is considered the number one American addiction problem. Programs for prevention and treatment of alcoholism rely on psychologic therapy. Alcoholics have been described as 'dependent personalities', anxiety prone, immature. Yet, alcoholism has been admitted to be a physical disorder (World Health Organization).

"Hypoglycemia has been shown to lay the ground for alcoholism (Tintera, J.W., Abrahamson, E.M., Lovell, H., Smith, J.J.). It has shown almost every alcoholic is hypoglycemic. Arguments continue as to which comes first, hypoglycemia or alcoholism, alcoholism or hypoglycemia. Meanwhile, the hypoglycemic, alcohol-addicted person is left in limbo, treated by psychologic measures (with little rate of success) while rational treatment including hypoglycemia therapy is neglected."

If you heard the TV discussion of hypoglycemia, you would have heard Dr. Cahill of Harvard state, "Don't worry about hypoglycemia. It won't kill you."

Hypoglycemia falls into the preventive medicine category. Isn't prevention a way to cost containment? Also Marshall Mandell, M.D. has brought into the alcoholism field the possible role of allergy to such foods as: corn, wheat, potato, etc. Aren't alcohols made from foods?

For an excellent publication on alcoholism, send for the "Emergent Comprehensive Concept of Alcoholism," James R. Milan, Ph.D., ADA Press, Alcoholism Center Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 286, Kirkland, Washington 98033 (\$4 single copy, \$3.50 each, 10 or more copies). Doctor Milan has set forth the physical, psychological, nutritional, endocrine factors in alcoholism in a most valuable fashion. (Homeostasis).

For further information contact F.S.D., Inc., P.O. Box 186, Belmont. Pearl M. Rosborough, Ed.M. Research Director



Bonds

Town Is Trying To Get Approval For U.S. Grant

Arlington's eligibility for federal UDAG (Urban Development Action Grant) funds is being explored by Town Manager Donald Marquis.

The manager last week sent a letter to HUD asking for a determination of the town's eligibility. He also discussed with the Redevelopment Board and Selectmen amendment of the federal definition of "poverty."

UDAG provides federal funds for projects of public improvements and private development. Marquis says the program is designed to do just the kind of thing the town is talking about for the police station area which would be developed commercially if a new police station were built.

The problem is that Arlington does not meet four of the six criteria which are

required. However, the manager feels that while the program is being redefined the town should seek help from its Washington legislators to make some changes.

The present criteria are: 1) age of housing; 2) per capita income; 3) unemployment rate; 4) job lag; 5) poverty; 6) population lag.

Arlington meets the criteria for the age of housing and the lack of growth in population and jobs. It is not far from meeting unemployment criteria.

The manager takes the position that because 94 percent of the town's tax base is residential and the town is land poor and densely populated, that "a case can be made for the fact that we are poor even though we are not poor under their federal definition."

Marquis suggests that the program be amended to add a provision that allows a community with a tax base at least 90 percent residential to qualify for funds. If the town could qualify, funds could be sought for several redevelopment projects.

Salon Owner Is Killed Tuesday

A 44-year-old Arlington hairdresser and father of two was shot to death in Burlington Tuesday night.

Police say Armando Prato, owner of the Armando of Italy hair salon at 141 Mass. ave., was found slumped over his car's driver's seat in the Building 19-and-a-Half parking lot shortly after 6 p.m.

Building 19-and-a-Half manager Paul Poulin told The Advocate Prato was found by an employee of the damaged goods discount store at 156-B Cambridge st. and apparently had been shot once in the head while getting into his car. Poulin said Prato's wallet was discovered missing.

Burlington Police Chief Ed McCafferty, in charge of the investigation, was unavailable as of press time Wednesday. State police also are investigating the shooting.

Prato, a Billerica resident, also leaves his wife.

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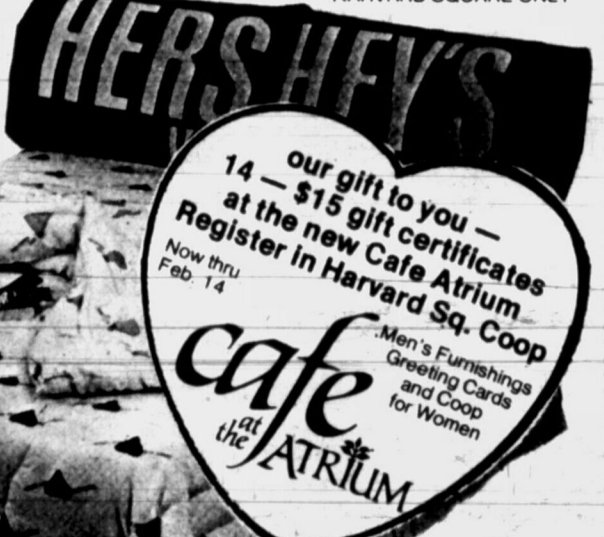


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Tree Trimming Angers Resident

Contractors for the state Department of Public Works last week lopped off several limbs of a Summer street tree noted for its symmetry and foliage, infuriating a homeowner who said he wasn't notified the pruning was to take place.

The tree, a local landmark in front of the 351 Summer st. home of Irving M. Marz, apparently hung lower over the state highway than the 20 feet that rules permit DPW district roadside engineer Omer Briand told The Advocate that inspector James Howshen decided the tree was on state and not Marz's property, and that therefore it wasn't necessary to notify Marz.

Briand said workers usually cut such limbs to the trunk rather than simply trimming and leaving "unsightly" stumps that might promote decay.

Marz said he had lost two nights' sleep over the matter.

Land Use Is Topic Of LWV Discussion For Next Week

The League of Women Voters will discuss proposals for land use and redevelopment in Arlington Center next week. Meetings will be held Feb. 12 from 7:45 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 47 Bartlett ave. and Feb. 13 from 7:45 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 11 Lincoln Street.

Discussion will focus on land use proposals for a joint community safety facility and elderly housing project at the corner of Summer and Mystic streets and possible redevelopment of the present police station as commercial property. Both projects are to be considered in a Special Town Meeting in May.

Non-members are welcome to attend these meetings. For further information contact Mrs. Robert J. Muldoon Jr., 37 Grand View road.

Monday Night

4 Charged With Armed Robbery

Four teenagers, two of them from Arlington, were arrested on Mass. ave. following a Forest street armed robbery Monday night.

Police say the four were admitted to the Forest street apartment by the owner, who knew one of them. They then brandished knives and a blackjack, a small leather club filled with lead, and announced a robbery, police said. According to police, two teenage boys were assaulted in the incident, suffering minor injuries.

Officer Al Ryan spotted the fleeing suspects' car shortly before midnight and stopped it near the intersection of Mass. ave. and Linwood street. Arrested were James W. Fischer, 19, of 31 Bailey rd., James Paragona, 18, of 88 Sunnyside ave., John W. Jones III, 19, of Somerville and Richard J. Ferguson, 17, of Hanover.

Jones and Paragona were charged with armed robbery. Ferguson was charged with armed assault in a dwelling, armed robbery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Fischer was arrested for the same charges as Ferguson, with the addition of one count of possession of a dangerous weapon.

Det. Harry Ryerson termed the incident a "home invasion," as nothing was reported stolen.

In other police news, a Fairmont street apartment was ransacked during a break-in Saturday night. A \$400 TV and \$200 of jewelry were reported stolen.

Other break-ins and attempted breaks occurred on Wyman terrace, Crawford street, Mass. ave., Grove street, Trowbridge street and Milton street. Two power lawnmowers, valued at \$600, were stolen from Mt. Pleasant Cemetery last Wednesday.

Steele To Speak To Retired Men

Safety officer Joseph Steele of the Arlington Police will speak on safety at the Retired Men's Club meeting Feb. 13 at Fidelity House beginning at 10 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

'Prince & Pauper' at Fox Tomorrow

The movie "The Prince and the Pauper" will be shown at the Fox Branch Library this Friday at 2:30 and 7:30 in the classic movie series "Oldies and Goodies."

Errol Flynn stars in this screen adaptation of Mark Twain's story about an identity with between the Prince of Wales and a poor boy in 16th century London.

AHS Seniors Take CPR Class

Arlington High School teachers Patricia Fallon (guidance) and Marilyn J. Steele (phys. ed.) have started the school's first CPR course (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

The pilot program included a guest speaker from the American Red Cross, films, lectures, and practical experience. The following seniors have successfully passed and are now certified by the American Red Cross in Basic Life Support.

Kennan Brown, Jean Dykeman, Pat Frano, Marcel Leibovitz, Karen Mahon, Gina Masci, Frank Sabatino, Glenn Teebagay, Maureen Varnum, and Suzanne White.

Items were stolen from cars on Melvin road, Everett street, Old Colony road, Teresa circle, the Summer street rink, Newland road, the Symmes Hospital parking lot, Dudley street and Broadway.

Police arrested a 22-year-old resident Sunday night for trespassing at Symmes Hospital. Another resident was arrested on Mystic street for drunken driving.

Police report that a man described as 26-24-years-old exposed himself to a woman by the railroad tracks, on Mill street Friday.

Incidents of vandalism were reported at the MBTA lot on Mass. ave., on Johnson road, at the A & P on Mass. ave., at Winslow Towers, on Appleton street and Gardner street.

Here's How To Run Machine In Parking Lot

Officer Joe Steele reports that many residents have been unsure how to operate the new parking card machine in the Mystic street municipal lot.

He offers the following instructions:

To use the machine, put in the amount of money for the number of hours desired and THEN push the button to get a card. Five cents for a half-hour, 10 cents for an hour and 25 cents for two-and-a-half hours.

For example, says Steele, two quarters give five hours of parking time. If both coins are put in the slot one behind the other and then the button is pushed, a card will come out marked 50 cents, and the proper expiration time will be printed on the card.

Only one card is necessary to cover the desired time, Steele says.

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Fuel Assistance Funds Have Been Enough So Far

The office administering fuel assistance in Arlington reports that to their knowledge no one has suffered any hardship because they have spent their \$400 share of federal and state fuel assistance funds. There has been some delays, however, in handling the emergency cases which have left people without heat for one or two days.

"Nobody has come to ask about running over," says Sarita Jacobson, the Arlington coordinator for the emergency fuel assistance program. She says people know that they are on their own when the available funds to them have been spent.

The Herald-American reported last week that hundreds of elderly, welfare and low-income families have already spent their \$400. They said officials are worried that the recipients may not be

able to meet future heating bills.

The problem seen by officials in Arlington is the bureaucratic delay for emergency cases. Ms. Jacobson says she is not happy with the speed at which the applications are processed by the Cambridge-Somerville Economic Opportunity Committee (SCEOC). The SCEOC is one of the community agencies through which federal and state monies are funneled to the communities.

According to Ms. Jacobson, the SCEOC has such a backlog of emergencies that it takes 24 to 48 hours for someone to receive heating fuel if he is in a crisis.

Don Cohen, who acts as Arlington's publicity person for the fuel program, says the SCEOC has a backlog of 125 people. Some 400 persons have been helped, according to Human Resources director Arthur Johnson.

Ms. Jacobson suggests that applicants should not let themselves get below a quarter of a tank before renewing their application.

The number of applicants through the Arlington office has doubled from last year, according to Ms. Jacobson.

There have been additional numbers of people during the past two weeks who are coming to Arlington from Belmont to seek assistance. At an SCEOC meeting Jan. 7, Cohen said he was told that the intake worker would be taken out of Belmont because the SCEOC had run out of money.

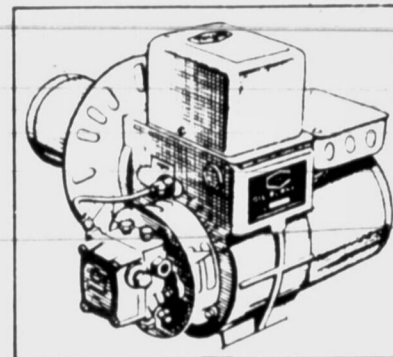
He said the burden on Arlington from the additional applicants is insignificant.

Bloodmobile At Church Saturday

Blood may be donated at St. Paul Lutheran Church this Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The donation center will be in the church's parish hall which is located at the Rte. 2 end of Hillside avenue.

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Town Redevelopment Projects: An Update

This week Planning and Community Development director Alan McClennen gives an update on a variety of redevelopment and planning projects. The Advocate asked about these specific projects — if there are others people are interested in, let the editor know. The joint police and elderly housing project is discussed separately.

Associates Block

The Planning Department has been negotiating with Saul Glassman, owner of the building at the corner of Mass. avenue and Water street about rehabilitation to be done on his building.

After Town Meeting voted to allow the town to take the property by eminent domain if necessary, the meeting was assured by Redevelopment Board chairman Joseph Tulumieri that the board would take no action prior to Jan. 1, and then would take no action as long as plans to upgrade the building were progressing.

McClennen says that three alternatives for the building have been developed with Glassman and his attorney. They involve this building only. There are no plans to have development of the Associates Block relate to the former power station building behind it on Water street.

Dollar costs and tax yield for the three options are being developed. The building gets a tax bill of about \$17,000, but about \$5,000 of this is abated.

The three options are: 1) general renovation to improve the exterior and some interior work, much in the line of deferred maintenance work; 2) deferred maintenance in addition to making the space more attractive such as by putting in an elevator and fixing up the rear; 3) vacating and gutting the entire building and rehabilitating it in the manner of Quincy Market.

McClennen says that Glassman has

hired an economic consultant to review the plans. The owner is interested in having the block put on the National Register of Historic Places because of its architectural qualities. This would create additional economic incentive to rehabilitate.

CARD Districts

Selectmen have approved one CARD (Commercial Area Revitalization District) district in town, in the area west of Mass. and Pleasant and Mystic to Mill street. Designation of this area, and its acceptance by the state, enables business people within the area to apply for low interest loans from the Massachusetts Industrial Finance Agency.

The Planning Department is preparing documentation for two other districts: one for Arlington Center east of the Mystic and Pleasant intersection, and the other for the Theodore Schwamb Company area off of Mass. avenue near Forest street.

Adamian Property

This parcel is off of Mill street and includes a vacant area and houses along Bacon and Central streets. Oxford Development Corp. several years ago had HUD commitment for subsidized housing for elderly and families. Court action by residents and the applicant against each other and the permitting boards brought the project to a halt.

Since then Town Meeting voted to lower the permitted heights and a resident group headed by Harold Seward and John Worden had been negotiating with the developers.

McClennen says he understands that the development firm of Corcoran Mullins Jennison Inc. of Quincy will take over the project from Oxford if the needed town permits are received. The

firm has reached agreement about the project with the citizen group McClennen understands, and plans have been given to the building inspector.

The revised project would call for 146 elderly units in a new building and renovation of the houses on Central street.

When asked his opinion about Arlington possibly having two elderly housing projects within a couple blocks of each other, at Mill street and at Summer and Mystic streets, McClennen says he does not think this is bad. He notes that both are goals in the housing assistance plan which the Selectmen voted.

Urban Systems

This project, which is looking at major intersections at Mass. and Lake, Mass. and Mystic and Pleasant, Mass. and Park, and Mystic and Chestnut, recently held its second public hearing at which three alternatives for each site were presented.

Consultants and Planning Department staff will be meeting with interest groups to discuss individual problems before a March hearing at which a preferred alternative for traffic, sidewalk and street improvements at the intersections is presented.

School Reuse

Articles are being prepared for the May Special Town Meeting to rezone both the Locke and Cutter Schools and to transfer both to the Redevelopment Board when they are no longer needed as schools.

According to School Committee vote, the Locke will close this June and the Cutter next year.

Another warrant article will seek appropriations to maintain and secure the buildings when they are unused. McClennen says that a suggestion that town agencies use the schools in order to keep them occupied does not seem feasible when considering the cost of relocating people and the \$30,000 it would cost to heat Locke against the \$20,000 it would cost to secure the building. With more than a year to make plans

for Cutter it is hoped that Cutter will not go through a period of vacancy.

This week holes will be cut into both schools so that an architectural consultant can examine the structural condition of both schools. Bids are being received from economic consultants who will help town officials determine what the best resues for the schools and their grounds would be.

Last week Redevelopment Board chairman Joseph Tulumieri told Selectmen that a space needs survey drew 44 responses which must be analyzed.

Citizen advisory committees for both schools which will serve as liaison between residents and the town have been asked to focus on such issues as preservation of open space, tax yield of the reuse, abutters' preferences, and retention or demolition of the building.

Board member Edward Tsoi said suggestions for school reuse include housing, a private school, a mental health agency, and a community center for dance schools and studios which need small space. He said an overriding concern at Cutter is with traffic, parking and loss of recreation space.

Tulumieri said that reuse of both schools is being studied at the same time. He said that with Cutter surrounded by residential properties the board would probably not want to recommend it for intensive retail use which might be better at Locke.

Tsoi cautioned about moving too quickly. He said no developers were beating at the door, so the town had an opportunity to listen to the community. He added that maximum economic return to the town may not be optimal in this area of town that will have lost two elementary schools.

The Redevelopment Board told the Selectmen that members were looking for guidance from other town boards, including Selectmen, as to how the town felt the schools should be developed in terms of tax return.

Selectman Robert Murray, who agreed that Locke would be the school to develop commercially, said that if there were developer interest the whole area out to Mass. avenue should be considered. He said there were deficiencies

in the Heights that could be addressed with that site.

Tulumieri said his board generally wishes to preserve open space. The Recreation Committee has suggested that if the Locke playground is lost, replacement park land in the area be found. As for the Cutter playground, Tulumieri said if it is kept it must be improved.

Gas Stations

The Redevelopment Board has filed some warrant articles which deal with reuse of gas stations. The town has seen some sites and-or buildings used for parking, a cookie shop, banks and a tire store. The board is being sued in Superior Court for refusing to give a permit to Speedy Muffler for location of a muffler shop at the gas station at Mass. and Everett street.

21 Pond lane

The Redevelopment Board is not involved in this project which involves the old farmhouse which the town acquired several years ago. The Board of Youth Services has asked the Selectmen and Town Manager to approve use of \$40,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant funds for renovation of the house.

Their plan is to relocate the Youth Consultation Center from 12 Prescott st. where it rents space from the Knights of Columbus to Pond lane. The present center costs \$4,800 month rent and \$1,700 in taxes.

Selectmen this week referred the matter to the Town Manager and asked him to contact neighbors about the proposal. The agency would hope to move in during the summer.

Water Street

The Board of Selectmen has been the town agency dealing with the development of the power station on Water street. Board policy has been to develop the building as a restaurant which would serve liquor.

For months the town has been negotiating with John DeVincent, the

First Arlington Corporation and the Second Arlington Corporation.

Feb. 4 was supposed to be the deadline for the signing of a lease between the town, which owns the property, and the developer. However, the signing was put off for a week. This Monday is supposed to be the final deadline.

Three Churches To Share Events For Weekend

Three Arlington churches will share worship, study and supper this weekend, enriched by the talents of three divinity students.

Called SOME, Sharing Our Ministry Ecumenically, the weekend events are being planned by Trinity Baptist Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, and Pleasant Street Congregational Church.

The guest seminarians are from Colgate Rochester Bexley Hall Crozier Seminary in Rochester, N.Y., and include Clancy Cox, Don Lyon and David North. They will bring unique talents in music and story-telling to be shared with the three churches.

Events for the parish members include "Saturday Night Alive," a pot-luck supper at St. John's Church at 5:30 Saturday, followed by a program at 7 p.m., and the visit of one of the three students to each of the churches Sunday morning to share in the sermon time.

Those assisting with plans are: Rev. Arthur McAskill, Arlene Bonner and Janemarie Hillier from St. John's Church; Rev. Carl Jones, Florence MacGregor, and Elinor Pangborn from Trinity Baptist Church; and Rev. Ken Wentzel, and Tom and Holly Ruch-Ross from Pleasant Street.

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Photographer Neil Wetherbee To Show Slides

The Arlington Art Association's president Neil Wetherbee, EFIAP, Photographers will show slides and talk of his work at the Feb. 14 meeting to be held in the Fox Library at 7:30 p.m.

Wetherbee has earned the title EFIAP, "Excellence" by the Federation Internationale de L'Arte Photographique. He has exhibited more than 1,000 photographs in over 25 countries and 35 states with some 50 medals to his credit.

Most recently won are two gold medals and one silver medal from the 1979 International Convention of the Photographic Society of America. He is the only person to win first place in the Masters Class of the Boston, Lynn and South Shore Camera Clubs.

For three consecutive years, Wetherbee was rated fifth, fourth and fifth by the Photographic Society of America's "Who's Who In Photography."

Noteworthy commissions are a mural of the City of Boston for First National Bank of Boston and photographs of the Gloucester Harbor and Cape Ann area for the city of Gloucester tourist promotion.

Wetherbee is a versatile photographer specializing in pictorial photography in nature, portraiture, photojournalism, contemporary expressive, and travel competitions.

St. Camillus CYO Schedules Dance

A St. Valentine's Dance, sponsored by the St. Camillus Catholic Youth Organization, will be held Friday at the club's hall from 7 to 10 p.m.

Admission is \$1.50 for members and \$2.00 for non-members. Music will be performed by the band "Good Stuff."

Grew Up Here

Richard Mason Visits: Play Director, Teacher

By Cathy Walthers

"Richard Mason grew up in Arlington and returns two or three times a year to visit his aunt and his relatives."

Last week he stopped in at his old house on Gray Street to see his aunt, Josephine Capodilupo.

He shared his reflection on his younger days and gave a review of his directing career.

Mason, who is on the faculty at Hofstra University on Long Island, is working on a book about directing in the theater. The book will be titled "The Contemporary Director."

Because of the pressures of completing a book, he usually prefers to say he is writing an article.

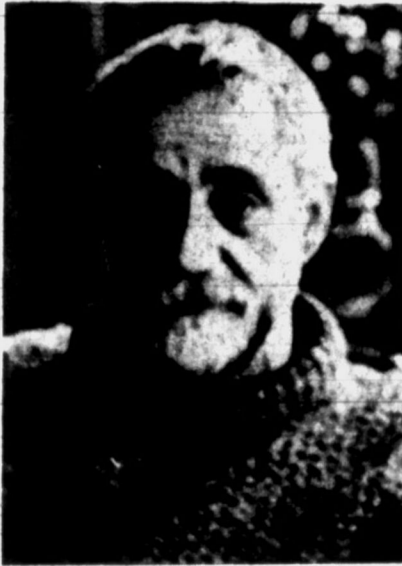
He holds a master's and a doctorate in theater from the University of Wisconsin and directs plays as well as teaches students. He most recently directed the play "Six Characters in Search of an Author" by Luigi Pirandello. It was about what happens to characters who are not put into a play.

One of his jobs as a director is to make classical plays meaningful to contemporary audiences.

Mason describes himself as a totalitarian director.

"I have to have the last word," he says, elaborating on his self-description. He says that last word is necessary for the unity of style and vision which must exist within the plays he directs.

The director, he says, can interpret the author's meaning by shifting the emphasis in the play. When Mason directed "The Children's Hour" by Lillian Hellman, he says his interpretation became quite controversial.



Richard Mason

Traditionally, the lead character, a young girl, is blamed for starting a rumor in her school. Mason says he shifted the blame from the girl onto the adults who believed her.

Mason lives in New York City's Greenwich Village. He flies to Bermuda three or four times a year. "It's only two hours away," he says. He practices on his scuba diving and snorkeling.

The awards for directing began in 1959. His most recent award came in 1979 with first prize for best director at the American College Theater Festival. The span of 20 years between his first and most recent award represents a block of time in his life, he says. He is taking a

new direction with 'he research and writing of his article.

In the future, he may direct an opera. Mason, who is in his late forties, says he has had no time for marriage. His life of travel and eating out is "incompatible with the traditional homelife."

His home base in New York City is necessary for his work. On the other hand, he remembers and liked Arlington for the rural qualities it had when he was growing up.

"It used to be a great area for exploration," says Mason. He says Arlington is now more impersonal. "It is more an extension of the city," he thinks.

"It was a good place to grow up in," Mason says. One of his great memories was the yearly celebration of Paul Revere's ride on April 19 and the following week of activities. "The sense of history of Arlington was one of an old New England Territory," he says.

After he left Arlington, Mason attended Boston College where he majored in philosophy. He was a major in philosophy but maintained an interest in the theater. He sparked this interest at first by becoming an actor. Eventually acting and directing overlapped. Directing won.

"Directing is more rewarding," Mason says.

Seniors Invited To Fox Library Valentine Party

A St. Valentine's Day party will be presented on Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Fox Library sponsored by the Fox-y Folks Senior Group.

Louise Flavin, wife of Bob Flavin and director of the MIT Child Care Center, will teach the craft of finger print design. Also on the program are two films: "The Shameless Old Lady," a French comedy, and "Senior Power," which demonstrates the social and political strength of retired persons. The program is free for all seniors. Guests are invited to bring some sweets to share with friends.

Registration Is Open For Kids' Arts And Crafts

Children ages four and five are invited to register for the next session of Arlington Recreation's popular pre-school arts and crafts class.

Four pre-school arts and crafts classes will be conducted on Mondays beginning Feb. 25. Each class is one hour in length and sessions continue for five weeks. Morning classes will be held at the Fox Library in East Arlington at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. Afternoon sessions are held at the Sports Center at 12:45 and at 2 p.m.

Activities will be geared towards increasing the children's enjoyment of expressing themselves with a variety of materials, developing art-related motor skills and most of all towards having fun and making friends.

Registration is now being held at the Recreation Office, 422 Summer st. Class size is limited and all registration is on a first come basis. A minimal fee is required.

Eva Balazs Will Speak On Tuesday

Dr. Eva Balazs of Arlington will be the featured speaker at 7:30 on Tuesday evening at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Lutheran Church Women of the congregation will be celebrating the birthdays of its members, the 10th anniversary of the ordination of women by the Lutheran Church in America into the ministry of Word and Sacraments, and 100 years of organized Lutheran women's work.

Dr. Balazs, a member of the congregation and a long-time resident of the community, will speak on the history of Spy Pond.

Art Members Showing Works

Through the month of February members of the Arlington Art Association are exhibiting their works throughout Arlington. A painting by Evelyn Shilliday was voted painting of the month and will be exhibited at the Symmes Hospital along with paintings by Sandra Bordes, Helen Glynn, Herman Kromhout, William Collins, Anna Basti, Mildred Cooney, Alfred Gianquinto, Kathryn Mitchell, Peg Grieco, Fred O'Connell and Mary DiNapoli.

On exhibit at The Advocate office are paintings by Peg Grieco and Marcel Moge. George Jovellas, Mildred Cooney, and Gideon Cohen have their paintings on exhibit at the Robbins Library.

Physical Fitness Is Twice A Week

A physical fitness program for men and women is being held every Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 370 Massachusetts ave.

The Woman's Club To Hear Speaker

"Around the World with Betty Bullock," will be the topic of the Dessert Hour hosted by the art committee of the Arlington Woman's Club Feb. 14 at 12:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

Members of the committee are Mrs. Howard Flanagan, chairman; Mrs. James Boyle, Mrs. Edward P. Burns, Mrs. Frederick Moreland, Mrs. James Shaughnessy and Mrs. Henry Toczylowski. Following the activities, Mrs. Walter Bullock, club president, will conduct the regular meeting.

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Doherty Fund Is At \$4,400

Three hundred and thirty-five individuals contributed \$4,400 to the Doherty Fund, which was started by a committee of town employees, friends and town officials.

The fund has been established to aid the family of 30-year town employee William Doherty who is hospitalized. A New Year's Eve fire caused \$30,000 damage to the family's uninsured home on Sunset road.

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Deadline 11th For Participation In Metro School

Metropathways, the urban-suburban magnet program for area high school students, is accepting registration for the Feb. 11 semester. Under the program students spend a day a week in programs including criminal justice, music, human services, women's studies, fine arts, politics, theater, discovering Boston and dance-chorus.

For information about the program which is funded by the State Bureau of Equal Educational Opportunity, contact Metropathways at 60 Joy St., Boston, or the off-campus studies coordinator at the high school.



Margaret Whittier, Heather Deary and Alison Donahue participate in the Arlington Recreation music and dance class for first through third graders. (Photo by Tony Doris)

St. Agnes School Sets Registration

Registration for St. Agnes Elementary School will be held the week of Feb. 11 for the September, 1980 school year. Registration hours at the school office every day but Wednesday are 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for kindergarten and first grade and from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for all other grades.

Boys' Club Gives 9 Drawing Awards

Nine members of the Arlington Boys' Club were awarded prizes for winning a recent Drawing Contest. Over 42 participated in the freestyle drawing and coloring. Some of the subjects included comic book characters, race cars, planes and animals.

Vikas Jain won first place in the 7-8-year-old category followed by Mark Preston and Toby Roberts. In the 9-10-year-old group Alan MacMillan placed first, Mark Dickenson second and Charlie Pesiridis third.

In the 11 and older age category the winners first to third place respectively were Jeff Rikeman, Dan Dickenson and Bobby Carasitti.

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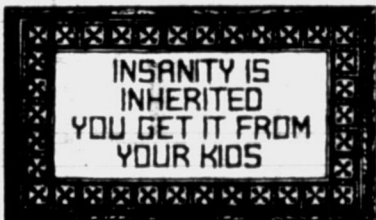
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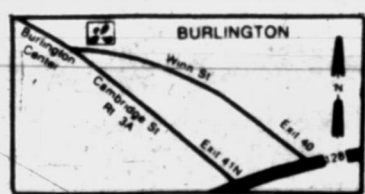
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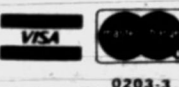
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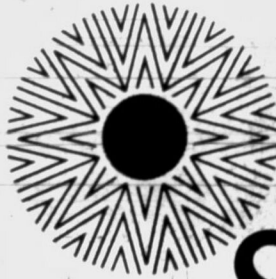
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Abbie Darby

Abbie Darby Celebrates Her Ninetieth

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Mrs. Darby, who has lived in Arlington for 89 years, has two daughters, Edith and Dorothy, and a son, Edward, seven granddaughters, 24 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was feted by her family at a dinner at the Towne House. Her birthday greetings included a card from President and Mrs. Carter.

Mrs. Darby's mother was descended from King Philip. Her father was a native of Prince Edward Island. One ancestor, John

Phillips, died at Valley Forge at the age of 16. For 45 years Mrs. Darby was married to Sherman Darby, son of a sea captain from Maine.

Troop 368 Is Having Busy Scouting Year

Troop 368, BSA, which meets at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Tuesday evenings under the direction of Scout Master Arnold Smith has had an active Scout year. The annual Thanksgiving Camping Trip to Camp Massasoit in Carver, Mass., was attended by a large number of Scouts and their fathers.

A turkey dinner was cooked outdoors, and the unusually balmy weather allowed canoeing and boating, as well as "Stool Ball" — a game played by the Pilgrims at Plimoth Plantation — and the usual winter sports.

Scout master Arnold Smith was assisted by fathers Jerome Connor, Frank Keane, John Bowman, Dick Conti, Dan O'Neill and John Vann. Scouts who participated were Jr. asst. scout master Brian Connor, senior patrol leader Jeff French, John Galligan, Mike Smith, John Berzins, Rene Arnaud, Jeff Almon, Steve and John Bowman, David Keane, Billy Berzins, Chris Conti,

John Kenna, Mark Connor, Jay Vann, Danny O'Neill, Curtis Carlson, Jim Foley, John Greco, Joe Curley, Al Rizzo, Mark Picaro, Bob Kenney.

On Nov. 30 a Pot Luck Supper for PFarents was held. Slides of summer camp were shown by Mr. Lee Vergnani. The boys put on a skit and awards were given out.

On Dec. 15 the Scouts went on a five mile hike around Boston. Starting at the MIT Ship Model Museum, followed by a tour of the construction site at Kresge Auditorium, the group walked across the Harvard Bridge to the Mapparium, had lunch at MacDonald's, then toured Prudential Center, the John Hancock Building, through the Public Gardens to the nativity scene at Boston Common stopping at the Downtown Mall, Old South Meeting House, Quincy Market, and the New City Hall.

On Dec. 18 the annual Christmas Party was attended by the troop. Three boys became tenderfoot scouts; Chris Conti, John Kenna and Curt Carlson. John Galligan advanced to life scout.

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CONTENDERS—Arlington Police Officer Robert Hughes shows off a 433-pound bull shark and a 226-pound hammerhead shark which he recently caught in Key West, Fla. The fish are the heaviest in their classes caught so far in this season's Metropolitan Southern Florida Tournament. Hughes also caught "citation" (above-average weight) blackfin tuna, barracuda and kingfish on a spinning rod, and two other bull sharks over 300 pounds.

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Batik & Weaving Supplier Carries All Needs

Spinning wheels, batik supplies, weaving lessons, yarns of wool, mohair, alpaca and cotton are the fare of The Batik & Weaving Supplier, a cozy shop at 102 Mass. Ave. by the Cambridge line.

The shop has a range of quality yarns at discount prices—almost everything sells at 10 percent below usual retail rates.

For batik the shop specializes in Indonesian dyes and tools and is the only importer of the tjanting tool, used in waxing and decorating fabric.

Also for sale is a full line of books on batik and weaving, for beginners and advanced artists.

The Batik & Weaving Supplier is the exclusive Boston dealer for the Beka Loom, an inexpensive learning loom made of cherry wood. The shop also carries the Harrisville Design Loom, a do-it-yourself apparatus requiring no special tools to construct. Spinning wheels from New England are featured as well.

The "Weaving Weekend" and "Spinning Weekend"

are among the most popular seminars offered. Classes run in 10-week sessions, with the next session starting in April. One needn't know anything about weaving or batik to join a class.

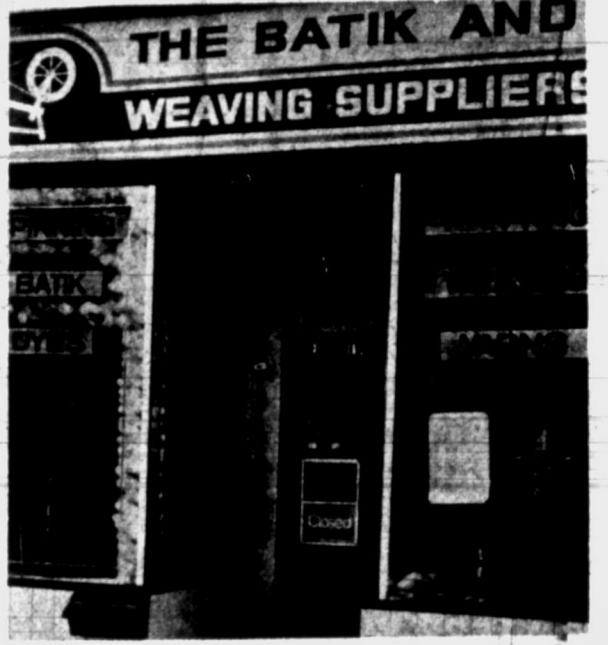
Supplies sold include shuttles, warping boards, bobbins, winders, reeds and beaters. Unsized fabrics of cotton and silk are sold, which use about 30 percent less dye than sized fabrics.

From the shop also emanates a huge mail order business. Supplies are sent to schools and other places across the nation.

The staff consists of competent weavers and crafts people able to answer any questions a consumer might have. The shop also serves as a resource center, willing to refer people to where they can locate supplies not on hand.

In addition to batik and weaving, the shop is diversifying into basketry.

The shop offers handspun yarns from Uruguay, England, New Zealand and other countries. The shop's



The Batik Weaving and Supplier is located at 102 Mass. Ave. in East Arlington. It sells looms and a variety of weaving and batik materials.

The Batik & Weaving Supplier is open Tuesday through Friday from 12-4, Saturday from 10-6. The staff also is often available during evenings when classes are held.

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